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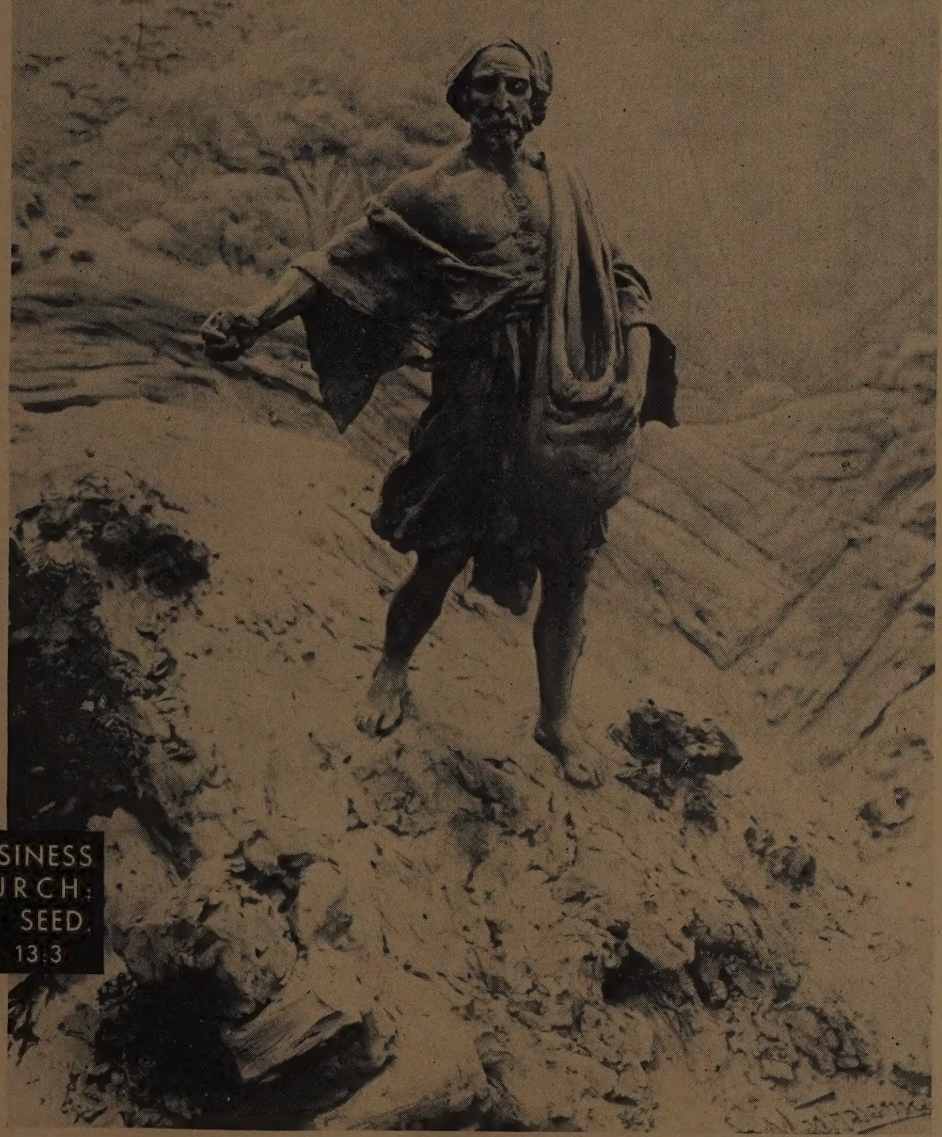

THE FIRST BUSINESS OF THE CHURCH: SOWING THE SEED. Matt. 13:3

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**Chaplain Edmund W. Weber** of our church is temporarily acting director of the chaplaincy service of the Veterans Administration pending the appointment of a successor to the Rev. Crawford W. Brown, who recently resigned.

**Weighty words by Roger Babson,** the undisputed authority on business in the United States: "People are getting information by newspapers, radio, and movies; but not wisdom and self-control. These latter are spiritual qualities, which we get only by our mother's knees or on our own knees. We question the crude dogma of the old-fashioned revivalists; but they have changed more lives for the better than have all the school committees of America."

**The Rev. Joseph Fernandez,** a converted Roman Catholic priest, at one of the sessions of the Pre-Convention Conference of the Fundamentalist Fellowship of the Northern Baptist Convention delivered an address on "The Transforming Power of the Holy Scriptures." The topic was a very personal one with him, since he had come to a knowledge of the truth through Bible reading after he had been a Roman Catholic for forty-four years. He related how as a Catholic priest, as a superior in a Dominican monastery, and as priest of a large parish in New Orleans he had opportunity to hear of the stories of Protestant converts to the Catholic Church, and in no instance was the conversion due to the Word of God.

**The Zion Church Choir** (Cleveland, Ohio), under the direction of Mr. Paul Dorn, presented a concert in First Methodist Church, East 30th and Euclid, on May 28. The Lutheran chorales were enthusiastically received by the audience, and the choir has been invited to come back to render another program of Lutheran music. — *The Cleveland Lutheran Messenger.*

**After delays** due to shortages of materials, the remodeling of Miessler Hall at Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebr., is now practically complete. The north wing will house the college infirmary; the south wing will be a boys' dormitory, reserved purposely for high school freshmen and sophomores with a resident housemaster. In view of the increased dormitory facilities, applications of qualified boys can still be accepted. Write to the president, the Rev. A. O. Fuerbringer, Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebr.

**The Rev. George A. Naumann** and his six sons, all of them Lutheran ministers, with a combined service of 150 years in the ministry and all graduates of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, conducted a family reunion service Thursday in St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Cleveland, of which one of the sons, the Rev. George R. Naumann, is pastor. The father has been a ministers forty-seven years, including thirteen years in India. The sons are the Revs. George R.; Martin J., pastor of Immanuel Church, Altamont, Ill.; Otto E. of Houston, Tex.; Gerhard T. of Cisco, Tex.; Gottfried H. of Gary, Ind.; and John G. P., missionary to India. A seventh son, William T., was a student at Concordia Seminary a number of years ago when he was killed in a traffic accident. The Rev. George A. Naumann also has four daughters, two of whom are married to ministers. — *St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

**The Vacation Bible School at Ardmore, Okla.,** where we have a small mission station, had an average attendance of fifty-six children, but only four of those shown on the picture came from Lutheran homes. Of the remaining, some were entirely unchurched, some attended our Sunday school occasionally, and some had other regular church homes. Any child, regardless of church affiliation, was welcome, provided the parents gave their approval. The mission's pastor, the Rev. E. T. Heyne, Jr., and the Rev. Karl Frese, pastor emeritus of Grace Lutheran Church, Tulsa, Okla., had charge of the two weeks of instruction. Pastor Heyne regards the vacation Bible school as his best missionary agency, since over half of his church's present Sunday school enrollment of twenty-five was gained through the vacation Bible school conducted in 1946

**Mrs. Agnes Hahn,** a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Taylor, Tex., of which the Rev. T. A. Zoch is pastor, on May 23 celebrated the ninety-eighth anniversary of her birth in the presence of all her children. Mrs. Hahn is the older of the

**Mrs. Agnes Hahn**

two still living Wends who originally came to the United States in 1854 with Pastor John Kilian and settled at Serbin, Tex. She is still active in her home and mentally alert.

**Lightning played havoc** with Synodical Conference church property in Wisconsin at the close of the month of June. A bolt struck the chimney of the parsonage at Adell, Wis., tearing a hole in the roof and scattering soot and ashes throughout the house. Shortly before, the Wisconsin Synod church at Dundee, near Fond du Lac, was struck by lightning during a funeral. Since the steeple caught fire, the corpse and mourners were obliged to clear the church promptly. Fortunately, no one suffered any injuries. The fire, too, was extinguished.

**The Rev. Horace H. Erdman,** Executive Secretary of the Ontario District of our Synod, on July 5 left Montreal, Quebec, Canada, by airplane for London, England. From there he will proceed to Germany. Pastor Erdman is making the trip as a representative of the Canadian Lutheran World Relief to assist the Canadian Immigration Department in arranging for the emigration of refugees from the occupied zones and to facilitate their entry into Canada. He will also confer with relief authorities in Geneva, Switzerland, concerning relief to be rendered during the coming winter.

G. V. S.

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# *Editorial*

## Centennial Prayer

Lord, let me be alone with Thee this day.
I would view all the years, now gone,
As being part of grace and time from Thee —
I want to measure all of years and time
by life,
Not life by time and years — I want to feel
The pulse beat of eternity each day and not
grow old
Or weak because we are a hundred now.
Help me to know that in Thy sight
A thousand years are but as yesterday
And all the hundreds as a watch of night.
Give me the sight of that old century
Which means a seeking for its gains
in men —
In souls won from the sin and littleness
Of earth for blest eternities with Thee.
Attune my ear to hear the century proclaim
The stirring triumphs of the weak and old
When death came in and found them unafraid
Because they had kept Easter in their heart.
Or warm my hands to gently check
The lists of those baptized and brought
to Christ.
Let me be kinder for the children's trust
And braver to offset the weakness of their age.
Give me a vision of the humble, simple folk
Who in those hundred years met in their
church
With hearts wide open to their God
And trusted Him to make the future good.
Keep far from me the folly of the thought
That that first century is gone and past —
Shine on the way ahead, and make me sure
That guidance will be good because of men,
Long known and loved, the teachers,
Pastors, friends, and comrades of our youth
Whom I see walking where they always did,
With Thee, in all humility, but with a glorious
strength.
Breathe on our souls with mighty power —
Provide us with an understanding heart,
And lead us through to longer, endless years
By Thine own Word and purpose for this hour.

Chicago, July 1, 1947 A. R. KRETZMANN

## "Know the Time of Thy Visitation"

The date of this issue coincides with the day on which our Synod closes its Centennial convention in Chicago. The Propers for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity include several items which are worth meditating on in this connection. The Gospel with its prophecy of Jerusalem's destruction reminds us that God's just wrath will fall on those who, like the people of Jerusalem, know not the time of their visitation. God has been good to us. He expects of us a stewardship commensurate with our blessings. To whom much is given, of him much will be required. The Epistle exhorts us not to be ignorant of our spiritual gifts. One of the reasons for the founding of Synod a century ago was "our Lord's will that diversities of gifts should be for the common profit." The Lord has given to us many and diverse gifts. How have we used them in past years — how will we use them in the second century of our history? Let us take inventory of ourselves and resolve with God's help always to use the gifts of His grace to His glory, praying in the Collect:

O God, who declarest Thine almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity, mercifully grant unto us such a measure of Thy grace that we, running the way of Thy commandments, may obtain Thy gracious promises and be partakers of Thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

W. G. P.

## Sowing the Seed

The keynote for any convention is the thought presented in our frontispiece. The ten days of business at Chicago, with all their multitude of reports and resolutions, whether in the field of education, of missions, of publications, of youth work, of the relationship to world Lutheranism, of radio, have but one ultimate purpose: to sow the seed of the Gospel into the field which is the World. That is our job, the rest is with God. The proper evaluation of the work of our Synod is the answer to this simple question: how faithfully, intelligently, energetically have we performed the duty of sending abroad the Gospel of salvation? The Church which holds fast to this principle will never, in the shifting currents of controversy or individual interests, stray far from its divinely ordained mission. Growth in numbers and strength, even missionary advancement and the achievements of scholarship, are all secondary. Necessarily, much of the good seed will fall among the thorns and on rocky soil. But there will always be enough fruit, thirtyfold, sixtyfold, and hundredfold, to permit the laborers to perform their work with gratitude and joy.

G.

## Strength in United Variety

Our Synod illustrates that. Moreover, at the meeting of the body all this is again forcibly impressed upon us. There we have an excellent opportunity to note the great variety of gifts which God has bestowed upon His Church. There we see the older, conservative counselor; because of his years of experience and his diligent study he makes a wonderful pilot. Then there is the young, active, energetic, progressive, untiring worker; courageous with a dash of adventurous spirit, he is willing and dares to execute the arduous and difficult task. The soft-spoken pleader is joined by the decided, outspoken defender of the truth and warrior against error. Many a time we have seen the careful business executive, together with the politically wise office holder, joined by the learned theologian. What a trio of strength they do make! And do not forget the women, who keep these men in best condition for work and for peaceable co-operation.

Truly, our Synod has been richly blessed with a great variety of gifts. Just for this variety in our workers, in our members, we are to thank God. It is for those who have the supervision to see to it that these gifts are properly employed for the upbuilding of the kingdom of our Savior. Instead of making invidious comparisons and whispering or publishing foolish criticisms, let us rather gratefully use what God has supplied to His Church. Just as the army of the country has need of all manner of men, so the army of the Lord needs everyone, whether he has been given five talents, two talents, or one talent. Speaking for the Lord, the leaders should say to these various workers: "Go ye also into the vineyard!" Never doubt, there is a place for everyone, for the harvest truly is plenteous, and there is no superabundance of laborers. We need everyone.

S.

## School Closed

We were looking through a history of a small congregation in rural Missouri. We learned that a parochial school was opened in 1897. Then there is a list of the teachers who served. The tabulation ends with the line: "School closed — 1946—1947." This school was closed not because of any lack of interest in Christian education or because of a decline in the number of children. We read: "During the past year, the first time in the history of our congregation, the school was closed because no teacher could be found. Only a few weeks ago we were made happy by the good news that if God is willing, a student of our Springfield Seminary will teach during the coming school year. May God continue to bless our school and keep us all school-minded."

Other schools are not so fortunate. Scores of congregations during the past month received the disheartening news that the call which they had registered with the District Presidents sitting as a Committee on Calls was canceled in view of the insufficient number of candidates graduating from our normal schools. Not only that, but not even a supply student was available to tide them over, and there is nothing left but to discontinue a classroom and in not a few cases to close the school. The very excellent proposals contained in the report of the Board for Parish Education in the Book of Memorials should strengthen interest in this crucial task of preserving the Gospel to future generations. Also the emergency measures taken by our normal schools in meeting the teacher shortage should receive that endorsement and encouragement which they deserve. This means new buildings for River Forest and Seward, for one thing. Your Editors can neither prescribe nor predict what the convention in Chicago will do. But it can join the great host of those who believe in the Christian day school in urging and pleading that this institution be given a fair start for its second century.

G.

## "Other Men Labored" John 4:38

It was necessary that the Disciples should be reminded of that, and it is necessary that we be reminded of it. We must be upon our guard lest we fall into the self-centered spirit of some of whom we read in the Bible. There was that Pharisee who gave the Lord a catalog of all his good deeds, his fastings, and his tithings, and his excellent reputation; and then there was the servant whose eye was evil because the lord was good, who told the lord that he had borne the burden and heat of the day; and then there was the older brother of the Prodigal Son, who told the father: "These many years do I serve thee." And even Peter at one time recounted his own sacrifices and said: "Behold, we have forsaken all and followed Thee; what shall we have therefor?"

Brother, you are not the only one who has labored. Now, while we are celebrating the Centennial of Synod, let us think of the men who labored before us. It would take a library to tell of all their works, sacrifices, and self-denials. But more than that; today, while you were doing your part imperfectly, others were also laboring. Especially when we gather as we do at Centennial sessions, there is danger that we do that which Paul condemns when he writes: "We dare not make ourselves of the number or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves; but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise," 2 Cor. 10:12.

It is a common failing among men, also among Christians, to exaggerate their own importance, their own service, to pity themselves, and to forget that others also labored, made sacrifices, suffered reproach, and endured hardship. If we are tempted to believe that we are not appreciated, or that our service is not justly appraised, then let us do that which the Apostle advises; let us commit our souls to Him in welldoing as unto a faithful Creator, confident that "God is not unrighteous to forget our work and labor of love."

S.

## One by One

The *Watchman-Examiner* reminds its readers of the importance of the individual. That reminder is very timely also for us Lutherans, especially for us of the Missouri Synod, who are celebrating Synod's Centennial this year. Certainly we should rejoice that the body of Christians to which we belong proclaims the Word of God in its truth and purity. In the Lutheran Church we receive the Sacraments as God instituted them. We rejoice and give thanks for the many precious blessings which God has bestowed upon our Synod. We rejoice and give thanks that God has granted our teachers to remain faithful to His Word, that we have no Modernists among us, that in all our churches, schools, colleges, and seminaries the Bible is taught as God's own Word. We rejoice and give thanks that God has so richly prospered the labors of our fathers and the labors of those who are still at work in the vineyard of the Lord.

But there is one thought that we must remember in this connection: No one is going to heaven simply because he is a member of the Missouri Synod. Let us recall what

Jesus said at one time when He was told: "Behold, Thy mother and Thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with Thee." It was then that He said: "Who is My mother? and who are My brethren?" And He stretched forth His hand toward His disciples, and said: "Behold My mother and My brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of My Father, which is in heaven, the same is My brother, and sister, and mother," Matt. 12:47-50.

However highly we appreciate what God has given us in our Church and in our Synod, each of us must remember that we go to heaven one by one. Remember that Jesus frequently said to one who received His blessings: "*Thy* faith hath saved thee!" Remember that we confess our faith by saying, "*I* believe." The Synod cannot believe for you, your father and mother cannot believe for you; Paul, Luther, Walther, and others could not believe for you. Each one of us must have his own personal faith. Each one of us must by this faith have received the gift of the Holy Spirit, and even though the fruits of the Spirit may still be meager in some of us, in every one of us there should be found righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Even the Virgin Mary is not going to heaven because she is the mother of the Lord Jesus. But it is true what Elisabeth said of her: "Blessed is she that believed." You must emphasize what Jesus said to that woman who praised His mother so highly. He said: "Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it." Judas was externally one of the Disciples. He held an important office among the Apostles. He traveled with Jesus day by day, but he perished and was condemned forever.

In the ninth chapter of Romans, Paul catalogs many of the great advantages and blessings which came to Israel, but then he writes of these Israelites: "Neither because they are the seed of Abraham are they all children." In spite of their wonderful advantages and blessings, many Jews were lost. "God spared not the natural branches." Not all that were the natural descendants of Abraham were saved, but they were the true children of Abraham who had the faith of Abraham. And therefore it becomes us also of the Lutheran Church, especially us of the Missouri Synod, while we are thanking God for our blessings and advantages, to examine ourselves whether we be in the faith and to prove our own selves, to make sure that we who sit down to the feast have also that wedding garment which entitles us to participate in those things which God has prepared for them that love Him. S.

## Statistics

Sound planning for the work of our Synod depends very largely on accurate figures concerning the extent and progress of our labors in the field of missions, education, publications, with wide ramifications, extending to five continents and the islands of the sea. This is the same as saying that accurate statistics are required for every branch of our synodical job.

The Statistical Office, administered by the Rev. Armin Schroeder, does far more than publish the figures regarding our churches and institutions; it provides tabulations and reference material indispensable especially for our mission work and for every administrative office in Synod.

Our impression is that the Statistical Office of the Missouri Synod ranks high for accuracy among the Protestant denominations. (Catholic statistics are a top-drawer secret of the bishops.) A glimpse of the misleading character of what passes for statistics in Reformed circles was lately revealed in the letter column of the *Christian Century*. The Northern Methodist Church not so long ago announced the result of a year of evangelism as being above a million souls. To be exact, 1,060,026. It now develops, however, that this figure represents "total accessions" and that the "net gain" of the campaign was about 400,000. The difference was represented by transfers of members within the denomination from one church roll to another.

Truthful statistics may not always give you the "lift" you can get from padded ones, but no Church can be the loser by being truthful. G.

## "Is It a Racket?"

Under this heading, Lutheran World Relief, Inc., has released a statement to the press which is of interest also to our people. Through our church papers they have been advised that there are official channels through which donations and money, clothing and books can be transmitted to the victims of the great war among our Lutheran fellow Christians in Europe. At various times we have published the figures which testify to the tremendous response which the task of preserving the lives of Lutherans in Germany, France, Finland, Poland, the Baltic countries, and other areas of Europe has found among our people. The statement from Lutheran World Relief, Inc., refers chiefly to certain individual appeals which are sent to the addresses of Lutheran Christians in this country. It is possible that many of our readers have received such letters. At any rate "thousands of letters begging for food and clothing are being sent to pastors and laymen from Europe. Some of these," says Lutheran World Relief, "are identical and apparently come from individuals who are exploiting the sympathy of the American people. We know of at least three letters coming from one alleged clergyman in the Russian Zone in Germany. He asks that parcels be mailed to his sister at Hamburg. The description of the pitiful conditions prevailing in the countries from which these letters are sent is true to fact. However, it is also true that we in America cannot evaluate the need of these individuals who write appealing letters."

In its report to Synod our Emergency Planning Council refers to the use which our own Church has made of CARE and other reliable agencies in order that our gifts may be delivered where they will do the most good. One of the representatives of Lutheran World Relief in Germany is quoted by the News Bureau of the National Lutheran Council to this effect:

"We must establish a definite policy that all special pleas coming to you in New York or to other individuals should be referred to the church welfare agency in Germany, the Evangelical *Hilfswerk*. It should be published in all church papers that requests for help coming from unknown sources to churches and individuals in the States should not be acted on." This does not exclude sending food and clothing to relatives and personal friends or the continuance of the family-adoption program. The names of these "adoptees" are sent to the Emergency Planning Council by a reliable committee in Europe, which selects the most needy families on the basis of a screening process.

To sum it up, in the interest of preventing duplication, fraud, and racketeering and of safeguarding your contribution to prevent it from reaching the black market or being used for personal enrichment, *make use of your synodical channels* when sending additional food, clothing, and books to Europe. G.

# V. B. S. — Conserving the Results

**By ARTHUR W. GROSS, Editor Vacation Bible School Material**

Another vacation Bible school season has drawn to a close. While it is impossible to present accurate data at this time, the general interest, the many requests for information, and the volume of sales of lesson materials leave no doubt that a much larger number of our congregations than ever before conducted vacation Bible schools this summer. The blessings of these schools have been manifold. Among the blessings we may count as important the instruction received by the children, the contacts with children who are not members of a church, the contacts with parents who have no church home, and the discovery of new teachers who give promise of becoming valuable adjuncts to the teaching personnel in the general work of Christian education and child evangelism.

Many of the blessings of the vacation Bible school will be lost if something is not done promptly and systematically to conserve them. Conservation is not the problem of the vacation Bible school staff alone; it is the problem of all who are responsible for the total program of religious education in the congregation — the pastor, the schoolteachers, the superintendent of the Sunday school, the Board of Christian Education. Working cooperatively, they should lay plans for carrying over the interest in the vacation Bible school to the other agencies of religious instruction in the congregation.

### Immediate Tasks

The first step in a program of conservation is the checking of the records. If adequate records have been kept, they will show the names and addresses of children and parents who do not have active church affiliation. These should be segregated and made the basis of an effort to direct the children into the Sunday school, the parochial school, the Saturday school, the weekday school, the part-time and released-time classes, and the parents and other adults of the household into the Bible and membership classes. Letters may be sent inviting parents and children to join one of the congregation's classes of religious instruction, but a far better approach would be to have a qualified representative of the congregation spend an hour visiting in the home. Follow-up visitations are just as important as the preliminary canvass, and as a result of them large numbers of children and adults are brought close to their Savior. Some gleanings from the field will serve to illustrate the blessed results of a well-executed program of conservation.

### Baptisms

A Utah congregation baptized three children in the closing service of the vacation Bible school. A congregation in North Dakota reports that in its closing service eleven children out of an enrollment of forty-two were received into the Kingdom of Grace through Holy Baptism. In the North Dakota District thirty-six children had been baptized when the report was written. A report from Tacoma, Wash., says that four children were baptized "and tentative arrangements were completed to baptize nine more." The Texas District, in spite of the closing of a number of schools because of poliomyelitis, was able to show twelve Baptisms. A Kansas congregation baptized forty children during July of last year, some of which "were gained through the vacation Bible school."

### Sunday School

A small congregation in Missouri reports that fifty per cent of the children enrolled in the vacation Bible school were from unchurched homes, "many of whom were gained . . . for our Sunday school." A school in Oklahoma having ten children without church affiliation was able to enroll four in the Sunday school. Missionaries among the Negroes in Alabama found as a result of their vacation Bible schools that preaching services and Sunday schools "should be started in three places at once." In another part of the Alabama report we read: "As result of vacation Bible schools, Sunday schools have been started at Snow Hill and at Vredenburg. At Beloit we have been invited to take charge of a religious period in the school of 300 once a week." From Utah we hear that "on the Sunday following the Bible school, nine of the pupils became new 'enrollees' in the Sunday school." The most striking report comes from North Dakota. It says: "Thirty children attended at Sarles. The Word of God took such root in their hearts that they asked for a Sunday school. . . . Twenty-five were enrolled in this Sunday school."

### Lutheran Elementary School

A pastor recently called the vacation Bible school an "excellent appetizer for a parochial school." When the sessions of his vacation Bible school came to a close, the sentiment voiced by the parents was: "If only we could make our school a permanent, year-round venture!" A Missouri congregation gained six out of an enrollment of seventy-five for its parochial school. After a southeastern congregation had conducted a vacation Bible school people began asking if they could not have a Lutheran elementary school. A congregation in Utah was able to run the enrollment in its parish school from thirteen up to forty-five "largely as the result of a very successful vacation Bible school."

### Adults

A District report shows that twenty adults were gained through children who attended the vacation Bible school. According to another report "two were confirmed and a number of parents were instructed for church membership." As a result of vacation Bible school work a group in the South requested that devotional services be conducted in their community twice a month. A communication from Iowa says that "several non-Lutheran families have been won for the church through connections formed at the vacation Bible school and now either have joined the congregation or are sending their children regularly to the Sunday school and confirmation class." In numerous instances parents can explain their Lutheran church membership by saying: "Our children began attending the Lutheran vacation Bible school, and after they joined the church, we followed them."

### Teachers

Aside from parents and children who are without church affiliation, efforts in conservation should be directed to the teachers of the vacation Bible school itself. Must there be a frantic last-minute effort

**Fifteenth Annual Vacation Bible School of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minn.**

In the 15 years 38% of the children have been from unchurched homes. In the last five years an average of 44.6% came from unchurched homes

to get enough teachers for the vacation Bible school? Should not the church and its officers be in constant touch with its teachers and constantly on the lookout for new ones? When new teachers are discovered, why not vest them with some bit of responsibility that will keep them in touch with the work through the entire year? Conservation conducted in this way is tantamount to teacher training and to early planning for the work of soul winning during the following summer.

Conservation is a natural adjunct of the vacation Bible school. Conservation is our business. The Son of Man came to seek and to *save;* we must do likewise.

# The Delegate Synod at Work

**By W. F. ROLF, St. James, Minn.**

(This issue of the LUTHERAN WITNESS is dated July 29, but owing to the increased size of the edition, now beyond the 300,000 mark, the pages must be ready for the press two weeks before the date of printing, in this case on Wednesday, July 16. The triennial convention of the Missouri Synod meets from July 20 to 29. The LUTHERAN WITNESS will therefore reach its subscribers about the time of the close of sessions or even some days later. Please note that this paper was on the press before the business of the convention was begun. In the issue of August 12 we hope to give the complete story of the transactions. In the article reprinted below, with slight changes, from the *Minnesota Lutheran*, we present a well-written general survey of the work done by these triennial meetings. — THE EDITORS.)

This coming convention should be of special interest to all our readers if for no other reason than that it will commemorate the Centennial, or 100th anniversary, of the founding of our Synod. Do all our readers know how our synodical conventions are conducted, and what business is transacted there? As very few laymen ever have an opportunity to attend such a convention, it may be well to try to explain some of its workings and functions.

An opening service always precedes the "business" sessions. One of the Vice-Presidents of Synod usually preaches the sermon, while one of the local officials serves as liturgist. In the first business session the President of Synod delivers his presidential address. This corresponds to the "Report to the Nation" which the President of the United States delivers at the opening of Congress. Following the devotional service the Secretary of Synod makes his registration report, stating how many registered delegates are present. Hereupon the President declares that, a quorum being present, Synod is now "ready for business" and opens the sessions in the name of the Triune God. Then follow certain formalities, like addresses of welcome on the part of some local celebrities, possibly the Governor of the State, the Mayor of the City, or other civic leaders, whereupon a member of Synod, previously designated, delivers his address of response. The formalities over, the President of Synod reads his presidential report covering the last triennium, or the events and activities of the last three years since the last convention. Then certain appointments are made, such as assistant secretaries, reporters, editors, and such committees as must be nominated from the floor (which have not previously been appointed by the President). The President of Synod is the official chairman of the meetings, but sometimes he relinquishes the chair to one of the Vice-Presidents. The remaining time of the first business sessions is then devoted to the reading and discussion of committee reports.

All sessions of Synod are opened with a devotional service. As a rule the Vice-Presidents of Synod, the District Presidents or some other "notables" of Synod preach a sermonette, while other District Presidents serve as liturgists. Immediately following the morning devotion, a doctrinal essay is read, by a pastor or professor previously appointed by the President. Other divine services are held during the convention, such as educational, mission, and pastoral services with Holy Communion for the pastoral delegates.

At this point you will probably say to yourself: "With so much time spent on devotions, divine services, and doctrinal essays, how can Synod find time to transact its business? Or is it not much that has to be done at these conventions?" Yes, there is much to be done. If all its business were to be thrown into open meetings, there to be disposed of, Synod's business would never get done. Because of the vast amount of business that must be transacted, Synod follows the pattern of the Congress of the United States and the State Legislatures by assigning most of its work to committees. Here is where most of the real work is done. To dispose of the wide range of subjects that come before the convention, floor committees or review committees are required: Committees on Seminaries and Colleges, on Missions, on Intersynodical and Doctrinal Matters, on Publications, on Finances, on Support and Pensions, on Parish Education, on Youth Work, on Constitutional Matters, on Publicity, on Credentials and Registration, on Applications for Membership, on Nominations and Elections, Excuses and Appeals, and others. These committees must take under advisement the various reports, requests, recommendations, overtures and memorials that are addressed to Synod. All these reports and overtures are printed and sent to all delegates in book form several weeks before the convention, to give all delegates an opportunity to study the matters that will be acted upon at the convention. Such a book contains about 550 pages for study. That gives the lay delegates an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the work of Synod and to gather information from their pastors on matters which they do not understand, so that they may be well informed and prepared to vote intelligently when they come to the convention.

All the various Boards and Commissions of Synod are held to make their triennial report to Synod and bring in their requests and recommendations. Such standing committees of Synod are the Board of Directors of Synod, the Boards of Control of our Colleges and Seminaries, the Board for Parish Education, the Board for Higher Education, the Board for Young People's Work, the various Mission Boards, the General Church Extension Board, the Board of Directors of Concordia Publishing House, the General Literature Board, the Young People's Literature Board, the Board of Appeals, the Emergency Planning Council, the Army and Navy Commission, the Student Service Commission, the Committee on Doctrinal Unity, the Press Committee, and others. In addition to the regular reports of these standing committees many overtures and memorials are addressed to Synod by conferences, Districts, congregations, or individuals. Any conference, congregation, pastor or layman has the right to petition Synod with an overture or for redress of grievances. All these reports and overtures are then assigned to the respective floor committees for study and review.

These floor committees are made up of pastors, professors, teachers, and laymen, who are appointed by the President of Synod. The President has a difficult

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task and a great responsibility in finding and appointing the right men for these various review committees. Some men are experts in theoretical matters while others excel in practical matters. A man may be a good dogmatician or theologian, but know very little about finances, publicity, publications, etc. He would be well qualified to serve on the Committee on Intersynodical and Doctrinal Matters, but might be of little value to some of the other committees. A good theologian is not always a good businessman. Some of these review committees must get together several days before the opening of Synod to digest and assimilate the vast amount of materials assigned to them and to prepare their reports to Synod. After the opening of Synod these committees must provide for open hearings at stated times and at designated places, so that anyone who is interested in certain propositions that must be acted upon by that committee can come before the committee, give pertinent information and argue for or against the proposition. It will readily be seen that committee members should be men of broad vision and good judgment and possess a lot of common sense, so that they will not be too easily swayed and unduly influenced by "propagandists" and "lobbyists" who would like to put across their own ideas and pet schemes.

After the committees have heard all arguments pro and con, they draw up their report, which then goes before Synod for adoption, emendation, rejection, or amendment. This report is mimeographed and handed to all delegates for study. When it reaches the floor it is up to the chairman or secretary of the committee to read, explain, and defend it. Any delegate has the right to criticize it, and speak for or against its adoption. Very often it is referred back to the committee, which must then make the desired changes and submit its altered version for adoption. After such a report has "gone through the mill," you may be sure that much time and effort, study, and prayer has gone into it and that nothing is adopted in Synod without much deliberation and earnest consideration.

One of the major items on the business calendar is the election of officers. The President, the Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, and the Treasurer are elected by ballot. Each delegate writes down the name of any candidate of his choice. The winning candidates are chosen by the process of elimination until the necessary majority is obtained. All other officials and boards are also elected by ballot, but from a slate of candidates submitted by the Nominations Committee, whose duty it is to propose men well qualified for the respective offices.

By this time you will probably have changed your mind about "going to Synod" being "a lot of fun" and "enjoying a nice vacation" at the expense of others. You're right. "Going to Synod" means a lot of work if you are a conscientious and intelligent delegate, especially if you are a member of a committee. But there is, of course, also a lighter and brighter side. Delegates have an opportunity to attend special meetings and pageants, hear good music, listen to wonderful oratory, see interesting exhibits, film strips, and educational and religious "movies," renew old and make new acquaintances and enjoy genuine Christian fellowship. So, all in all, it is a rare privilege, but also a great responsibility, to be a delegate to the Delegate Synod. May God always give us the right kind of delegates, delegates who seek only the glory of God, who are consecrated Christians, wholly devoted to their Savior, who have the welfare of our beloved Synod at heart, and who combine the intelligence and the ability to work toward that end!

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## School Enrollment Policy

Policy of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Kansas City: 1. That preference be given to children of our own congregation. 2. That preference be given, secondly, to parents of sister congregations without a Christian day school and, in exceptional cases, to members of other Lutheran bodies. 3. That preference be given thirdly to non-Lutheran children, subject to the following stipulations: a. The child should be in good health. b. The child should not be a discipline problem. c. The child should have average mental ability. d. The parents of the child should send the child to our Sunday school at least after the first year of attendance. e. In the seventh and eighth grades, parents should put nothing in the way of their children should these children desire to join the church. 4. That preference be given fourthly to children of members who have a Christian day school in their home congregation and still approach us to enroll their children in our school, or with whom we have received permission to make contact from their home pastor. 5. No child to be enrolled in the first grade unless six years of age by following January 1. 6. All children are to participate in the extracurricular activities of the school and are to be enrolled in the pastor's confirmation class in Grades 7 and 8. 7. No child is to be enrolled after the first four weeks unless that child has been regularly enrolled in a school. 8. Tuition of children from nonmembers should be on a voluntary basis. 9. Exceptional cases are to be considered for action by the Board of Education. — *Texas District Stewardship Bulletin.*

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## From a Pocket Notebook

At this writing, Dr. Clarence Hoopman, President of the Lutheran Synod of Australia, is the guest of Dr. J. H. C. Fritz, on the Seminary campus. He arrived in St. Louis July 2 and is official delegate of the Church of Australia to our Synod. . . . The Rev. Gerhardt Fischer, pastor of our church in the city of Christchurch, New Zealand, carries the line "Pastor of the Southernmost Lutheran Congregation in the World" on his stationery. . . . In connection with the noise about the efforts of the Roman Church to obtain public funds for their parochial schools, the *St. Louis Lutheran*, edited by the Rev. G. Mahler, contained an editorial which was widely quoted. It was recently made the object of a column and a half discussion in the *Scottish Rite News Bulletin* of Washington, D. C. . . . The Rev. W. F. Biel of Sidney, Mont., advertises highway markers of a unique kind, conceived on the order of the "Burma-Shave" type signs. The price for the set is $10. Write him for details. . . . A questionnaire was sent to 262 Presbyterian churches in the New York Synod asking how many members they had lost to the Roman Catholic Church, or received from it, during the past year. The returns as reported to the *Christian Century* said that they had received into their membership 618 former Roman Catholics and, so far as they knew, had lost 167 members to the Roman faith. . . . A new church paper, well printed and with interesting content, on the East Coast is *The Trinity Herald*, published monthly by Trinity Church, Cliffside Park, N. J. The Rev. Henry N. Wittschen is pastor. Henry Martens is editor. . . . The latest of the more than 1,000 languages in which the Bible or parts of it can be read today is the language of the Mazateco Indians, in the Mexican Republic. Of the 60,000 members of this tribe, only some 10,000 speak Spanish, the rest are dependent on the Mazateco language, which is an extremely difficult one. The Gospel according to Mark was off the press in May of this year. . . . Rev. S. H. Beckmann, President of the Argentine District, and Pres. R. Hasse of Rio de Janeiro, President of the Brazil District, are also visitors on the campus of Concordia Seminary, headed for the Chicago convention. They flew up by plane, Rev. Beckmann, who is a North American, accompanied by his wife and eight children. Rev. Hasse is a native Brazilian. . . . Rev. Hilmar Th. Rosenberg of Toledo, Ohio, tells the story of a man who dreamed that he ordered a fine porterhouse steak and when he asked the price of it, the butcher said: "Anything you please; we are just taking a collection." He heard the same when he visited the grocer, the tailor, and the market. When he woke up, he laughed at the notion that he could have such a silly dream. . . . From early accounts the Vacation Bible School program, fostered by our Boards of Home Missions and Parish Education, has scored a resounding success. The reports, plus some very fine photographs, are reaching this desk from every part of the country, and this, brethren, is just the wind-up for 1948. In one great Western city the Roman priests warned their people against sending their children to the Lutheran Summer Bible School. Some parents obeyed, others had a family conference and decided that "it's a good thing, let them go." . . . We make our bow to Alfred P. Klausler, editor of the *Walther League Messenger*, on a notable scoop, the first of three articles of our Nuernberg chaplain, the Rev. H. F. Gerecke. A remarkable story and well written. G.

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## Why Am I Here?

My journey is not ended,
Though at my goal I stand,
Unless I leave behind me
*His* footprints on Time's sand.

My words have not been fruitful,
Unless some may rejoice
Because in what I've spoken
They hear the *Savior's* voice.

My hands have not been active,
Though I have labored much,
Unless some weary suff'rer
Has felt *His* tender touch.

W. G. POLACK

## Uncle Joe's Corner

"Uncle, I now recall that our teacher of history has mentioned a number of persons who could not bear prosperity. In reading biographies and histories have you met with such incidents?"

"Even Nepos in his *Lives* of prominent men calls attention to the fact that Timoleon was remarkable because he could bear both adverse fortune and good fortune."

"Well, Uncle, I think that I could bear some good fortune. I do not see why that should be so difficult."

"Ah, son, do not forget the warning of Shakespeare, who said: 'It is the bright day that brings forth the adder, and that craves wary walking.' The Germans also have a proverb that declares that a man can stand most anything except a number of good days. You will never regret to keep in mind the warning of the Scripture: 'God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble,' James 4:6."

"Father has often quoted to us Solomon's prayer: 'Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: lest I be full and deny Thee and say, Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor and steal and take the name of my God in vain.' "

"That, my boy, is one of the passages of Scripture which ought to be kept in mind. It shows that Solomon, when he said this, knew the meaning of God's Commandment: 'Thou shalt not covet.' I remember reading what a priest said who heard thousands of confessions. He said that he heard all manner of sins confessed, but he never had anyone to confess to him the sin of covetousness. And yet, Charlie, that is the sin that is almost more common than any other sin. It is one of those 'respectable' sins which most people do not recognize as a sin."

"I must confess that I have not given much thought to covetousness. I suppose it is in my heart also."

"My boy, even Paul had to confess: 'I had not known lust except the Law had said, "Thou shalt not covet." ' He means to say that he did not recognize sinful desires, especially covetousness, as sin until he learned this from the Word of God."

"Come to think of it, Uncle, there are two Commandments against covetousness, the Ninth and Tenth."

"Ah, God knows our hearts better than we ourselves."

"But, Uncle, do we not pray for God's blessing on our efforts and for our daily bread? Does that not show that we desire to have temporal goods?"

"Yes, God knows that we have need of these things. But we are constantly in danger of falling into the sins of the Gentiles, whose souls from day to day are occupied with the thoughts: What shall we eat? what shall we drink? wherewithal shall we be clothed? And, if they only knew it, that is exactly what is making them unhappy and miserable, for covetousness tortures the person who gives way to it. Therefore the Scripture has told us, 'Godliness with contentment is great gain.' The heathen spoke of the cursed thirst for gold. They were right; it is a torturing thirst."

"But, Uncle, we certainly are to seek to earn our daily bread, are we not?"

"Of course, that is commanded you when you are told: 'Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness,' to which then is added the promise: 'and all these things shall be added unto you.' In your study of history you ought to be on the lookout for examples which illustrate the folly and misery of covetousness."

"But, Uncle, it seems to me that both history, as far as I have studied it, as well as my experience show that some of these greedy, covetous people have more than the Christians who pray for their daily bread."

"But remember, my boy, that while it is true what the Catechism teaches, that God gives daily bread without our prayer, also to all the wicked, yet daily bread does not signify only that wealth which consists in money and property. Daily bread includes much more — all that is enumerated by the Catechism under the Fourth Petition. However, it is useful to know examples of the failure of covetous persons."

## Honored by Springfield Seminary

The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred by Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ill., June 7, on the Rev. G. A. Aho, President of our Finnish sister synod, and on Pastor F. H. Brunn of our Church.

Gustaf A. Aho, son of Jacob and Wilhelmina Aho, was born Oct. 9, 1897, Sebeka, Minn. He attended Suomi College, Hancock, Mich., 1915—1918; Theological Seminary of National Ev. Lutheran Church, Ironwood, Mich., 1918—1921; and Columbia University, N. Y., 1925—1926.

Rev. Aho was ordained June 12, 1921, as pastor of Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church, Jersey City, N. J. He

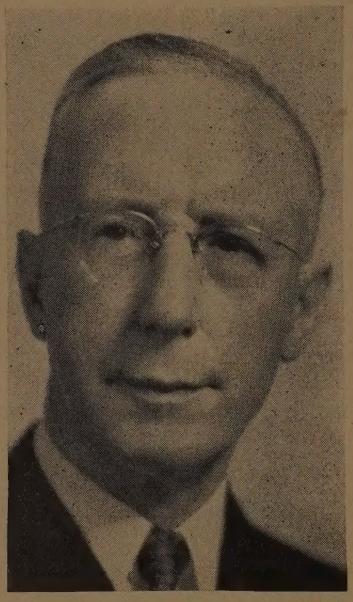
The Rev. G. A. Aho

organized Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church, New York City, and served both to 1926. Later he was pastor of First Ev. Lutheran Church, Ely, Minn., 1926—1934; of National Lutheran Churches in Ashtabula, Fairport-Painesville, and Cleveland, Ohio, 1934. He now serves Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church of Fairport-Painesville.

Dr. Aho was elected secretary of National Ev. Lutheran Church in 1928. President in 1931, re-elected several times and continuing in office. He has served as editor of church papers and periodicals and is the author of several books and tracts.

Rev. Aho married Helia Tuikka in 1922. They have four sons and two daughters. Gerhard I is pastor in New York City; Jonathan is now enrolled at Concordia Seminary, Springfield.

Frederick Henry Brunn, a descendant of a long line of Lutheran pastors extending over a period of three centuries, all bearing the same Christian name with a single exception, was born in Chicago, July 21, 1878, in the parsonage of St. John's Church. In 1892 he entered Concordia College,



Rev. Frederick Henry Brunn

Fort Wayne, graduating in 1898, and from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1901. In 1902 he was married to Henrietta Voge of Edwardsville, Ill. Three daughters live in Rockford, Ill., and a son in Pittsburgh.

After his graduation Rev. Brunn was assigned to Edwardsville and Alton, Ill. In 1908 he entered the service of Zion Church of Bay City, Mich., and since 1927 is pastor of St. Paul's Church of Rockford, Ill.

In Michigan Rev. Brunn was Visitor of the Bay City-Alpena Circuit. He was elected member, later chairman, of the Mission Board of the District. In Northern Illinois he also holds the office of Visitor. In 1935 he was appointed member of the Union Committee, now known as the Committee on Doctrinal Unity, and since 1938 he has been secretary of the committee. He has also been active in the charity endeavors of the Church, being president and acting superintendent of the Children's Friend Society of Michigan for a period of years and serving also as missionary of a sanatorium near Detroit.

## Washington Letter

The Missouri Synod has been spreading out and marching on before the war, during the war, and even now when thousands are losing their jobs as the result of the Republican economy program. Old agencies which were taken out of Washington are being returned. Living places for married couples, however, and especially for families with children are still very difficult to get. In most cases families have been forced to buy to get a domicile in or near Washington.

On Sunday, May 25, Pilgrim Congregation (Pastor Boehmke) dedicated its chapel. It is located in Westover, Md., just across the District line. This mission was begun by Pastor Boehmke about three years ago under the auspices of the Southeastern Mission Board. The first services and Sunday school were held in a private home with eight persons in the service and 15 in the Sunday school. Today the service is attended usually by 65 persons, and the Sunday school has an enrollment of 115. This mission had no nucleus from other congregations to start with. It, however, has one advantage: it is the first mission in that growing territory.

Calvary has installed Rev. George Hoyer to succeed Pastor Carl E. Koerber. Calvary Church is located in Silver Springs, Md., two miles from the District line to the north. Silver Springs has now become the second largest town in Maryland. This mission was started five years ago. It is in competition with several other active churches but is going forward and has purchased a fine plot of ground and expects in the near future to begin building. It has had to carry on its activities in a store building. Despite this it has a Sunday school of 115, and the attendance at the service averages 65.

Bethlehem Congregation is located in East Washington, in Anacostia. It has had to hold its services and Sunday school in an unsightly and inadequate lodge hall on the second floor. Some noisy sect uses the lower floor. It has been making fine progress and has purchased a parsonage and also a large plot of ground, well located to carry on its work. More than ten thousand people have moved into that territory in recent years. Although it has had building plans for some time, finances and wartime building restrictions prevented these from being carried out. The question of finances has also now been happily solved. Thanks to the broad vision and missionary spirit of a midwestern District, the congregation was able to get a loan from it for $25,000 and will now be able to build.

There has been a great influx of Negroes into the Government service and other opportunities for employment. Recently the Missionary Board of the Synodical Conference was able to extend a loan for $5,000, which will be used to buy ground to erect a church building for a mission. That Washington is a great field for colored mission work is shown in admission on June 15 of thirty-two adults in Mount Olivet Congregation (Pastor Schiebel). Nearly all of these were converts.

A very striking phenomenon for this part of our country is the interest in and the zeal for parochial schools. Twenty-five years ago the idea of a parochial school would have been coldly received. About forty years ago a parochial school was torn down to make room for a parsonage, because there were not sufficient pupils to carry on. Today all the newer missions and some congregations have in their plans and purposes a parochial school. Trinity Church, Mount Rainier, Md. (Pastor Pieplow), which was organized by him about 15 years ago last fall, has completed a modern school building. It is located on a two-acre plot of ground in a fast-growing territory in East Hyattsville, Md. It has six classrooms and a large assembly hall and recreation and office rooms. It could not admit all the applicants. The enrollment is 131 pupils, with three male teachers and one female. Another male teacher has recently accepted a call. This congregation and its pastor have done, with the blessing of God, an exceptionally great work. Immanuel Church, Alexandria, Va. (Pastor W. Mensing), also has a parochial school. A few years ago this congregation built a charming new colonial church in a new suburban territory, which has added new vitality and an expanding program. It has had to carry on its school in the church building. Plans for the erection of a school building have been made. The school is taught by a male and a female teacher. It has 79 pupils; 50 per cent of these are from outside the congregation.

Two missions were started by Pastor Pieplow. Both are making excellent progress. One is in Greenbelt, a Government project for families with small incomes, which owed its inception chiefly to Mrs. Roosevelt. This mission has a Sunday school of 175 pupils. The attendance in the service averages 65. It is laboring under a tremendous handicap. It holds its services and Sunday school in the social hall. The time for service is 12:30 to 1:30 o'clock. No better time is available. It has a flourishing women's organization. Miss Olinda Roettger is in charge of the work under the direction of Pastor Pieplow. Miss Roettger was sent here by the Synodical Emergency Planning Council. She has also been active at the Lutheran Service Center in Washington. The other mission begun and served by Pastor Pieplow is in Landover Hills, Md. He began preaching there about two years ago. The services and Sunday school are being held in a private house. The attendance in the services is about 50; the same number of pupils attend the Sunday

school. The mission has already purchased ground for a building.

In August, 1943, the Church of Our Savior, Arlington, Va. (Pastor Paul Kavasch), dedicated its charming colonial church. It is located in a section called Barcroft. Since then it has purchased a parsonage and additional ground to relocate the parsonage next to the church. This congregation was able in a comparatively short time to erect its own church building. The services have an average attendance of 110, the Sunday school about 50. There are other fields which look good for missionary work, but funds are lacking. God works in mysterious and unexpected ways, and mayhap we shall be able to enter those fields. Meanwhile we rejoice in the progress that God has granted our work in Washington and vicinity.

J. FREDERIC WENCHEL

## Music Conference in the Saginaw Valley

Valparaiso University conducted a three-day church music conference in the Saginaw Valley, Michigan, from June 16 to 18.

The keynote of the conference was set by Rev. E. H. Voss, pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Saginaw, speaking on the text: "They sang a new song." Hugo Gehrke, well-known organist of Milwaukee, Wis., played a recital of Bach organ works.

In Bay City the program was given by the Sheboygan Lutheran Chorus of Sheboygan, Wis., under the direction of Martin J. Bangert. In Saginaw a mass chorus of 400 voices, representing choirs from Saginaw, Bay City, Frankenmuth, Flint, and Midland, sang a program of sixteenth-century church masterworks under the direction of Prof. Theo. Hoelty-Nickel, head of the music department of Valparaiso University. The large choir sang a cappella except for two numbers, when it was joined by a concert band conducted by L. E. Stolper of Holy Cross School, Saginaw.

In Frankenmuth, the St. Lorenz Treble Choir, conducted by W. N. Eggen; Dr. Edward Rechlin, internationally known organist, who improvised without previous design an entire suite in three movements based on the life of Christ; and the Bach cantata *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying,* performed by choir and string orchestra under Professor Hoelty-Nickel's direction, made up the program.

Papers were read by Dr. Hans Rosenwald, dean of the Chicago Musical College and editor of *Music News:* "Musicology in the Service of the Church"; Martin J. Bangert, organist and director of Sheboygan, Wis.: "The Spiritual Basis of Church Music"; and Attorney Carl J. Thrun of Detroit, Mich., speaking on the furtherance of our musical heritage through the medium of records.

Choral demonstrations were conducted by Prof. Walter E. Buszin of River Forest, Ill., who introduced the two new series *Anthologia Lutherana* and *Laudamus Dominum,* and other recent publications of Concordia Publishing House.

Arranging and directing of the conference was the work of Professor Hoelty-Nickel of Valparaiso University.

EDWIN JOHNSON

## News from Our Portland Concordia

For the second time within less than one year Concordia Academy at Portland on June 20 broke ground for a new building. The ceremony marked the beginning of construction of the new administration building to be erected in large part through the offerings of our members in the Oregon and Washington District during the recent building fund campaign.

The address was delivered by Dr. A. M. Rehwinkel of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. President Thomas Coates performed the rite of groundbreaking. The new building will provide eight classrooms, library, chapel, offices, and a full basement with a laboratory and storage facilities. The construction will be of reinforced concrete with brick exterior.

At the present time construction of the new dormitory on Concordia's campus is in its final stages, with the date of dedication set for Sunday, September 14. The dormitory has been appropriately named "Centennial Hall," being the first building to be erected on any synodical campus during this Centennial year.

As a further step in Concordia's expanding program of service to the Church, a three-week Graduate School for pastors and teachers was held on the Portland campus during the month of June. This school was sponsored by the Extension Division of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, with two Seminary professors, Drs. A. M. Rehwinkel and Paul Bretscher, serving as lecturers.

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## Thirtieth Anniversary of the Lutheran Laymen's League

In commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the Lutheran Laymen's League the North Wisconsin District of the League arranged an anniversary banquet on June 21 in Zion Lutheran Auditorium, Milwaukee, Wis. The banquet was dedicated to the three living founders of the Lutheran Laymen's League, Mr. Fred C. Pritzlaff, Mr. Henry W. Horst, and Dr. Edmund Seuel. Mr. Pritzlaff, in whose home the League was organized, was the guest of honor. Mr. Horst of Rock Island, Ill., and Dr. Seuel of St. Louis, Mo., unfortunately were prevented by illness from attending the banquet.

Brief addresses were made by Messrs. Pritzlaff, Gerh. Wolff, President of the South Wisconsin Lutheran Laymen's League District, Howard Wolfanger, President of the Western New York Lutheran Laymen's League District, and Martin Daib, National Field Secretary. Prof. C. A. Hardt of our Milwaukee Concordia College delivered the principal address on the topic: "Forward, Lutheran Laymen." Mr. W. C. Birk, President of the North Wisconsin Lutheran Laymen's League, served as toastmaster.

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## An L. L. L. Seminar That Was Different

On March 29 the Lutheran Laymen's League, under the direction of Mr. T. G. Eggers, conducted a seminar of business executives and professional men on the campus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, the first of its kind. Dr. Louis J. Sieck opened the day's session in the auditorium with a broadcast address on "Living unto Christ." Thereupon the men present split up into groups of lawyers, doctors, and business executives. The lawyers' group was addressed by Mr. Eugene Wengert of Milwaukee and Prof. Albert Moeller of Concordia, Mo., Mr. Henry Buck of Kansas City acting as moderator; the doctors heard Dr. Theo. Hanser and Dr. A. M. Rehwinkel of St. Louis, with Dr. Bert Klein as moderator; and the businessmen listened to Mr. Walter Schlueter, Treasurer of Synod, and Dr. J. H. C. Fritz, while Mr. Ewald Schuettner acted as moderator. Among the topics discussed were birth control, Christian principles in the legal profession, truth in advertising, white lies in business, etc. At a dinner meeting in Wartburg Hall the Rev. A. R. Kretzmann of Chicago spoke on "A Greater Measure of Devotion to My Church," the moderators summarized the proceedings of the day, and the desire was expressed by resolution that a similar seminar be held next year and that such seminars be held in other Lutheran centers also.

K. K.

## Philippine Firstfruits

On Palm Sunday your missionaries were privileged to confirm five adults. One of them was baptized and confirmed. They were examined publicly for forty minutes in the presence of scores of worshipers, which included American boys in the service. After the confirmation rites, Holy Communion was celebrated.

It was a very solemn service and quite touching for both the American boys who witnessed a Palm Sunday confirmation service overseas and for

the Filipino audience because they had never seen anything like it anywhere in the Philippines. The Chief of the License Dept. of the National Library, who is responsible for the granting or rejection of applications for the right to perform or solemnize marriages, said to the writer after the service: "It was the most solemn and beautiful Protestant service I have ever attended, and I have attended many church services in connection with my duties. This church is bound to grow in number."

After the service, refreshments were served. A large part of the expense was borne by two of the confirmands. One donated fifty loaves of bread and five cases of soft drinks, and the other gave us all the ice-cream cones we were able to consume. The rest came out of the offerings.

This event, needless to say, should be of great significance to our Church, because these, besides the few Baptisms previously performed, are the firstfruits

**A Gate for the Gospel in the Philippines**

A Filipino convert, who designed and built this sign, serves as the janitor, maintainer, and gardener for the Center

of the ministry of your missionaries. To be sure, we have other adults being instructed for confirmation, but they were not quite ready to be confirmed on Palm Sunday. But to Him alone who gives power to our message and fruits to our humble efforts be the glory, honor, and praise!

Missionary Mayer is instructing the wife of an American GI. She is the niece of a local politician.

I am instructing a schoolteacher and practically all members of her household. She is a personal friend of the wife of the Director of Private Education. Although she has a good position as public school teacher and also instructor in a private school, she offers her services to our church. Incidentally, this schoolteacher was referred to the writer by Mr. Alex. Balash of Philadelphia.

At the time of this writing two young ladies dropped in at Bethel and asked the writer how much he would charge for membership in his church! It seems from their previous experiences that certain churches charge each new member membership fees.

Manila A. C. CARINO

# *Letters from Readers*

## STATE AID TO CHURCH SCHOOLS

Concerning the current controversy over State aid to parochial schools, I regret to see most of our people take the stand that such aid is self-evidently a violation of separation of Church and State. I do not believe that it is a violation, because

1. It is fair that school moneys collected for a Catholic child be used for whatever education that child (or parents) chooses. It is unfair to withhold such moneys. Note how G-I training works.

2. Government does not need to be separate in the sense of hostile. It needs only to be impartial. It need not keep the Catholic or the Lutheran child from his own education; it needs only to see that neither is cheated out of his rights.

3. Justice Jackson is patently in error when he assumes that the Constitution sought to keep all religion out of public matters. It has not done so in the Army, in Congress, in penal institutions, and in constitution-making days the schools were probably more full of religion than are our parochial schools. The Northwest Ordinance, authorizing the grant from which most public schools spring, named religion first as the basic need for which the grant was made.

4. Other countries, notably Holland, have for many years supported religious schools side by side with public schools without the dangers from the Catholic schools which we worry about. England, too, is democratic, and England supports sectarian education along voluntary lines.

5. Our non-religious American education is good in many ways, but the absence of God from the curriculum is a defect that is fundamental and should be remedied where it can.

6. The voluntary, not-State-supported Christian school will never take care of more than a small fraction of the children of America.

7. Released-time public school religion classes indicate that some 90 per cent of American children will gladly enter religious classes if religion is offered to them without too much inconvenience to them or their parents. They ought not to be denied this privilege.

8. If American school history shows anything, it clearly shows that religion was dropped gradually from the schools, not because people did not want it there, but because they despaired of finding a way to have it and still be fair to all religions. To the extent State aid can be impartially fair to all religions, to that extent aid can be given without breaking down the separation of Church and State.

9. The "*entering* wedge" so often mentioned is in fact an "*exiting* wedge," since a hundred years ago most American public schools were religious.

Highland, Ill. MARTIN P. SIMON

## THE BEST STORY YET

I am simply thrilled with the article "The Old Lutherans Come" in the latest issue of the *Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly*. If the printers' forms are still intact, could not a pamphlet be issued in the form of the *Quarterly* and be offered to the American public? I do not hesitate to say that up to date it is by far the best thing that has come to my notice on the history of our Synod, and it ought to be brought to the notice of the widest public possible.

Newark, N. Y. AUGUST KOERBER

## CO-OPERATION IN JERSEY

Under "Letters from Readers" you would like to have a statement as to the agreement or disagreement of local A. L. C., and you want facts. Since this is quite a responsibility, which I alone would not take upon myself to voice, I asked the opinion of two brothers who associate quite often either in welfare, social service, etc., with these men.

The outcome of my quiz was as follows:

1. Augustana men did come to intersynodical meetings and were friendly toward Missouri Synod while these meetings lasted.

2. Augustana men co-operate well in newspaper advertisement.

3. Augustana men co-operate splendidly in the Hospital project and serve on various committees.

4. However, are very lax with Lutheran Publicity Bureau of N. J.

Newark, N. J. JOHN R. WEBER

## MEXICAN CATTLE PLAGUE

The June ninth issue of *Life* magazine contains an account of the serious cattle plague which has been visited upon the Mexican nation. The article makes it clear that, in a fashion, a state of war exists between the authorities responsible for public welfare and the dread hoof-and-mouth disease: "fiebre aftosa." Such measures have been invoked as the wholesale slaughter of not only beef cattle and dairy herds, but work oxen and even prize breeding-bulls. Rich and poor alike have suffered, and to the nation at large the situation amounts to a calamity.

My purpose in addressing the WITNESS at this time is to urge that we do not overlook the deadly parallel between this visitation upon Mexico and the prophecies of Scripture as they pertain to nations which flagrantly violate God's laws.

Has it not been the Mexican national custom to patronize and to encourage the vicious "sport" of bull fighting and to idolize as national heroes those who use their superior, God-given talents in first goading and then killing the poor beasts? Except for already prostrate Spain, no other nation in the world so misuses the utilitarian animals provided by the goodness of God.

And now the Lord especially chastises them in the very place where the grievance is most sore! See Deut. 28: 20, 21, 31, 58-60; Ezek. 14: 13; Is. 2: 4.

It is not my purpose to single out Mexico as the sole existing judgment of God, since many nations are being visited with chastisement for their national sins. Even our own beloved United States dare not forget, in these recent years of shortages and high prices, that, not so long ago, we were guilty of killing suckling pigs and plowing under crops for the selfish purpose of maintaining higher prices, while other peoples — and some of our own — went hungry.

Englewood, N. J. A. H. C. PETERSEN

# Obituary

**All obituaries and death notices should be sent to Prof. W. G. Polack, 801 De Mun Ave., St. Louis 5, Mo.**

**The Rev. Arthur Herman Schroeder** (d. May 19, 1947), son of Henry and Sophia Schroeder, was born Nov. 8, 1889, in Benton Co., Mo., near Lake Creek. The following fall he moved with his parents to Orlando, Okla. He graduated from the Springfield Seminary in 1919 and was installed at Kingfisher, Okla., in September of that year. Eleven years later he accepted a call to St. Paul's, north of Ellsworth, Kans., where has was in charge until his death. He was married on Aug. 31, 1919, to Katharina Peper. To this union there were born nine children. After the death of his first wife he married on Feb. 19, 1939, Hilda Eilrich. To this union there were born two children. His widow and eleven children mourn his death. The funeral service was conducted on May 23, 1947, at Ellsworth, Kans. The sermon was preached by the Rev. H. Kroening, and the Rev. H. C. Lubeck spoke as a representative of the Kansas District.

H. C. LUBECK

**The Rev. Ernest C. Zimmermann** (died June 16, 1947) was born July 22, 1873, in Brooklyn, N. Y. He attended the parochial school at St. John's, where the Rev. J. P. Beyer, father of the girl he was later to marry, was pastor. After his confirmation he resolved to enter the holy ministry. He attended the preparatory school at St. Matthew's, N. Y., and later went to Concordia College, Fort Wayne, and then to Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis, graduating in 1895.

He accepted a call as missionary of the Atlantic District, and as such he was sent to Manchester, N. H., where he organized the present Immanuel Congregation of that city. On Aug. 20, 1896, he entered the holy estate of matrimony with Katherine Beyer of Brooklyn, N. Y.

In the year 1900 he became pastor of the Zion Congregation in Webster, Mass., remaining here for 47 years. Two years ago he celebrated his 50th anniversary in the ministry and last year his golden wedding anniversary.

The funeral service was held on June 19, 1947, with the Revs. Paul W. Brauer of Boston, R. B. Steup of West Roxbury, and Theodore W. Brust of Worcester officiating.

He is survived by his wife, three children, a sister, and a brother, the Rev. Louis D. Zimmermann of Eden, N. Y. Three other children preceded their father in death.

BERNARD W. SCHUR

**The Rev. G. F. Schroeder** (d. June 21, 1947) was born at Luebbeke, Westphalia, Germany, on May 13, 1863. He studied for the ministry at the proseminary at Luebbeke and finished at Springfield Theological Seminary in 1886. He first served at Oshkosh, Wis., as assistant pastor. Then he served the congregations near Hinckley, Ill., with preaching places at De Kalb, Willow Creek, and Maple Park, Ill.; St. Paul's Congregation at Luzerne and at Wellman, Iowa, where he retired in 1933. He married Ida Timian of Pleasant Plaines, Ill., on July 21, 1887. She preceded him in death on Sept. 14, 1940. Surviving are two daughters (one the wife of Teacher F. Torgler of Waterloo, Iowa) and two sons, nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. After his retirement he moved to Belle Plaine, Iowa, where he lived in quiet retirement until August, 1945, from which time on he stayed with a daughter in Waterloo, Iowa. Funeral services were held in Belle Plaine, Iowa, with the undersigned preaching on Job 19:25. Rev. L. Schember spoke in the name of the congregation of which Pastor Schroeder was last member; Rev. August Mueller, living in retirement at Marengo, Iowa, spoke as a brother pastor of long standing; and the Rev. H. Wolters spoke in behalf of the circuit pastors and also officiated at the burial in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery at Luzerne, Iowa.

REV. W. S. WENDT

# New Publications

**Unless otherwise noted, all publications reviewed in the "Lutheran Witness" may be secured from or through Concordia Publishing House, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis 18, Mo.**

**Home Life in Bible Times.** Concordia Teacher Training Series. By Arthur W. Klinck, Ph. D. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis 18, Mo. 142 pages. Single copy, 50 cents, postpaid; dozen copies, at 40 cents, plus postage.

**Home Life in Bible Times.** Instructor's Guide. 86 sheets. Single copy, $1.25, postpaid; dozen copies, at $1.00, plus postage.

**Home Life in Bible Times.** Test Sheets. Single copy, 15 cents, postpaid; dozen copies, at 12 cents, plus postage.

This publication deals with Biblical antiquities, especially those connected with the home life of the people whose biographies and histories are recorded in the Bible, both in the Old and in the New Testament. In his Foreword Dr. Klinck writes: "The author's selection was largely dictated by what he considered to be the needs and interests of Sunday school teachers." However, pastors and readers in general will find much in these pages to illuminate Scriptural narrative and Scriptural idiom. The versatile author has himself supplied drawings which are distinctly helpful.

The first book mentioned above contains the explanations properly arranged in chapters and paragraphs with headings and subheadings, together with review questions at the end of each chapter. The second item consists of sheets, unbound, which supply the instructor with proper answers to the questions, suggestions, and explanations. The last of this combination of publications consists of sheets which present tests, problems, together with illustrations, which are to test the understanding of those who have received these instructions. Each of these last sheets contains 20 statements, which the pupil is to mark "True" or "False."

This manner of treating the narratives of Holy Writ arouses interest and will certainly be enjoyed by those who were privileged to take such a course.

M. S.

# Music

**Reviewed by Walter Buszin**

That the demand for church music written by our great Lutheran masters is growing steadily and rapidly was manifested again very recently when G. Schirmer, Inc., one of the world's foremost publishers of music, published four cantatas written by the most illustrious composer of the Lutheran Church, Johann Sebastian Bach. All four were carefully prepared and edited by Ifor Jones, the conductor of the far-famed Bach Festival Chorus of Bethlehem, Pa. In preparing the English translations of these cantatas, Mr. Jones was assisted by J. M. Stein; the edition contains also the original German texts. While difficult, they may be handled by our more advanced choirs and choruses. But we urge that more of our choirs, including church choirs, be made acquainted with these great expressions of faith and worship. If choirs will master but one, they will find already the second to be much easier. One masters not only the techniques required for the performance of this fine music, but one becomes imbued also with the spirit and faith which actuated Bach to write these grand works if one will but expose one's self to the manifold beauties and gratifying depth of these gems of our heritage. We need more music of this type to offset the vulgarism of so much music of our day. Sing Bach if you wish to learn to appreciate him; he will not disappoint you. The four cantatas prepared for publication by Mr. Jones are the following: **For as the Rain and Snow from Heaven Fall** (Cantata 18); price, 75 cents. — **O Lord, This Grieving Spirit Rebuke Thou Not** (Cantata 135); price, 75 cents. — **O Jesus Christ, My Life and Light** (Cantata 118); price, 30 cents. — **Thou Very God and David's Son** (Cantata 23); price, 75 cents.

Quite different in spirit and expression from the music of J. S. Bach, and yet exquisitely beautiful, is the music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, a musical genius of the highest order. True, despite its beauty, his music is often operatic rather than churchly. This may be seen also in the *Requiem* he wrote for four-part chorus and four solo voices with accompaniment, likewise published recently by G. Schirmer, Inc. Mozart's *Requiem*, like those written by other Roman Catholic masters, should hardly be sung in a Lutheran church. The price of the Mozart **Requiem** is $1.00.

Entirely different from the music of a Bach or a Mozart are the compositions of the modern composer Zoltan Kodaly, whose **Missa Brevis** and **Te Deum** are written in an ultramodern vein, replete with dissonances and striking chordal progressions and sudden changes of tonality, when in our opinion sacred music should pacify and exalt rather than startle and distress. The price of each of these works is one dollar; both were published by Boosey and Hawkes, a highly reputable publisher of our land, England, Canada, Australia, and Africa.

# Miscellaneous

## Ordinations and Installations

(Authorized by the Proper Officials)

### CANDIDATES

**Ordained and Commissioned:**

*Brown, Edwin T.*, in Trinidad Congregation, San Antonio, Tex. (Sp.), by W. H. Bewie, 3. Sun. p. Tr., June 22.

**Ordained and Installed:**

*Allwardt, Howard G.*, ordained in St. Martin's Church, Milwaukee, Wis., by Arthur H. Oswald, Exaudi Sun., May 18, and installed as assistant pastor in Epiphany Congregation, Detroit, Mich., by E. T. Bernthal, 3. Sun. p. Tr., June 22.

*Gedwillo, A. S.*, in St. Paul's Congregation, Charlotte Hall, Md., by H. M. Hennig, 5. Sun. p. Tr., July 6.

*Luecke, Oscar W., Jr.*, as associate pastor in Cross Congregation, Omaha, Nebr., by Oscar C. Decker, 3. Sun. p. Tr., June 22.

*Molzan, Harold G.*, in St. Peter's Congregation, Thawville, Ill., by E. M. Goltermann, 5. Sun. p. Tr., July 6.

*Schenk, James von*, as assistant pastor in Our Savior Congregation, Bronx, N. Y., by B. von Schenk, June 24.

### PASTORS

**Commissioned:**

*Rosenkoetter, R. H.*, as missionary in the Southern Nebraska District, Humboldt, Nebr., by M. P. Dreyer, 2. Sun. p. Tr., June 15.

**Installed:**

*Bachman, Charles A.*, in Trinity Congregation, Rutherfordton, N. C., by E. G. Runge, 2. Sun. p. Tr., June 15.

*Beyer, J. A. C.*, in Holy Cross Congregation, Columbus, Ohio (deaf), by Theo. Frederking, 4. Sun. p. Tr., June 29.

*Christiansen, Alfred*, in Peace Congregation, Wall Lake, Iowa, by E. A. Fritz, 3. Sun. p. Tr., June 22.

*Friese, Forest F.*, as assistant pastor in Epiphany Congregation, Detroit, Mich., by E. T. Bernthal, 3. Sun. p. Tr., June 22.

*Gerken, August*, in St. Thomas Congregation, Ohio City, Ohio, by O. G. Hebestreit, 4. Sun. p. Tr., June 29.

*Herrmann, John*, in Hope Church, St. Louis, Mo., as stewardship secretary of the Western District by Pres. E. L. Roschke, 3. Sun. p. Tr., June 22.

*Hinz, G.*, in St. Paul's Congregation, Beach, N. Dak., by Henry E. Meyer, 3. Sun. p. Tr., June 22.

*Honig, W. A.*, in Immanuel Congregation, Herington, Kans., by Geo. Klattenhoff, 5. Sun. p. Tr., July 6.

*Kespohl, H. H.*, in St. Paul's Congregation, Junction City, Kans., by A. E. Oldehoeft, 4. Sun. p. Tr., June 29.

*Kristo, Arne P.*, in St. Matthew's Congregation, Wilmington, Calif., by M. J. Bruer, Pentecost Sun., May 25.

*Ladewig, Carl W.*, in Redeemer Congregation, Sarnia, Ont., Can., by Albert A. Ruff, 2. Sun. p. Tr., June 15.

*Nerger, Robert P.*, in St. John's Congregation, Hamilton, Tex., by A. C. Liefer, Sexa. Sun., Feb. 9.

*Neuendorf, W. V.*, in Trinity Congregation, Arenzville, Ill., by Herman H. Koppelmann, 4. Sun. p. Tr., June 29.

*Riedel, F.*, in Emmanuel Congregation, Beulah, N. Dak., by G. H. Fiechtener, 3. Sun. p. Tr., June 22.

*Stoehr, W. C.*, in St. Paul's Congregation, Shawano, Wis., by K. H. Hein and in Zion Congregation, Gresham, Wis., by Martin A. Schneider, 5. Sun. p. Tr., July 6.

*Teske, Herbert J.*, in Trinity Congregation, Fairfax, S. Dak., and in Immanuel Congregation, Butte, Nebr., by John W. Petersen, 5. Sun. p. Tr., July 6.

*Wild, John A.*, in Zion Congregation, Delmont, S. Dak., by A. G. Schwab, 5. Sun. p. Tr., July 6.

*Zemke, Walter A.*, in St. John's Congregation, Rapidan, Minn., by O. H. Zemke, 4. Sun. p. Tr., June 29.

### TEACHERS

*Bangert, W. F.*, in Trinity Congregation, Evansville, Ind. (R. 5), by H. J. Meyer, 4. Sun. p. Tr., June 29.

*Hillman, E. O.*, in St. Paul's Congregation, Fort Dodge, Iowa, by Ad. Schwidder, 2. Sun. p. Tr., June 15.

*Huedepohl, Elmer*, in Grace Congregation, Chicago, Ill., by G. Elbert, 4. Sun. p. Tr., June 29.

*Lehmann, A. F.*, in Immanuel Congregation, Temple, Tex., by R. Martin, 3. Sun. p. Tr., June 22.

*Meyer, F. G.*, in Trinity Congregation, Madison, Nebr., by W. J. Oetting, 2. Sun. p. Tr., June 15.

*Rush, Lester*, in St. Paul's Congregation, Columbus, Ind., by E. O. Metzdorf, 4. Sun. p. Tr., June 29.

*Vonderheid, Norman*, in Zion Congregation, Granton, Wis., by Wm. A. Lauterbach, 4. Sun. p. Tr., June 29.

*Weinrich, W.*, in St. John's Congregation, Beardstown, Ill., by Edwin Sommer, 5. Sun. p. Tr., July 6.

*Wunderlich, Marvin H.*, in Trinity Congregation, Altenburg, Mo., by Ad. A. Vogel, 5. Sun. p. Tr., July 6.

## Dedications

*Avon, S. Dak.* The new organ of Zion Congregation (Otto A. Pinnt), Exaudi Sun., May 18.

*Center Point, Iowa.* The new chapel of St. John's Congregation (Edmund Frese), 4. Sun. p. Tr., June 29.

*Duluth, Minn.* The remodeled and enlarged church of Mount Olive Congregation (L. Gallman), Pentecost Sun., May 25.

*Erwin, Tenn.* The new church of Bethany Congregation (G. Beiderwieden, Jr.), 1. Sun. p. Tr., June 8.

*Fallon, Mont.* The new church of Zion Congregation (Fred W. Meyer), Trinity Sun., June 1.

*Kokomo, Ind.* The new church of Zion Congregation (W. R. Vandre), Rogate Sun., May 11.

*Marysville, Kans.* The new Hammond Organ of Mount Calvary Congregation (John Bredehoft), Mis. Dom. Sun., April 20.

*Pocatello, Idaho.* The new church of Grace Congregation (R. A. Koch), 2. Sun. p. Tr., June 15.

*Spearfish, S. Dak.* The new church of St. Paul's Congregation (W. E. Karges), 3. Sun. p. Tr., June 22.

*Washington, D. C.* The new chapel of Pilgrim Congregation (A. Karl Boehmke), Pentecost Sun., May 25.

*Yuma, Ariz.* The new Hammond Organ of Calvary Congregation (E. C. J. Boxdorfer), Trinity Sun., June 1.

## Anniversaries

*Amboy, Minn.* St. Paul's Congregation (D. W. Lau), the 60th, Exaudi Sun., May 18.

*Blackburn, Mo.* Zion Congregation (A. Szegedin), the 50th, 2. Sun. p. Tr., June 15.

*Campbell, Nebr.* Trinity Congregation (M. W. Tiemann), the 50th, 1. Sun. p. Tr., June 8.

*Columbus, Ohio.* St. James Congregation (Earl C. Grugel), the 75th of the church, Trin. Sun., June 1.

## Cornerstone Laying

*Shellsburg, Iowa.* Zion Congregation (Edmund Frese), laid the cornerstone for a new church, 5. Sun. p. Tr., July 6.

## Conference Meeting

**Pastors' and Teachers':**

*Kansas*, Aug. 18 (2 P. M.)—21 (noon), St. John's College, Winfield. — C. A. Buescher, *Sec.*

## Nominations

**For the Deanship at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.**

Rev. C. L. Abel, Chicago, Ill.: Trinity, Crete, Ill.
Dr. E. W. Anderson, Detroit, Mich.: Calvary, Lincoln Park, Mich.; Zion, Detroit, Mich.
Rev. George Beiderwieden, Milwaukee, Wis: Bethany, St. Louis, Mo.
Dr. Richard R. Caemmerer, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.: Church of St. Luke, Chicago, Ill.
Rev. Walter E. Dorre, Fort Worth, Tex.: St. Peter's, St. Louis, Mo.
Prof. Erhardt Essig, M. A., Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind.: Bethlehem, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Prof. E. Foelber, Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind.: Bethany, Chicago, Ill.
Rev. Leslie Frerking, Charlotte, N. C.: Emmanuel, Baltimore, Md.; Trinity, Mt. Rainier, Md.
Prof. A. O. Fuerbringer, Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebr.: Grace, Kansas City, Kans.
Rev. Martin Graebner, Chicago, Ill.: Faith, Chicago, Ill.
Prof. Oliver Graebner, Evansville, Ind.: Our Redeemer, Evansville, Ind.
Rev. William Graumann, Kansas City, Mo.: Immanuel, Wichita, Kans.
Rev. Arnold H. Grumm, Fargo, N. Dak.: Luther Memorial, Richmond Heights, Mo.; St. Paul's, Truman, Minn.
Rev. Oliver R. Harms, Houston, Tex.: Immanuel, Houston, Tex.; Trinity, Sarcoxie, Mo.
Rev. Henry G. Hartner, Denver, Colo.: Christ, Taylor, Tex.
Rev. O. E. Heilman, Concordia, Mo.: Grace, Brownwood, Tex.
Rev. I. C. Heinicke, Seward, Nebr.: Zion, Chinook, Mont.
Prof. Albert G. Huegli, Ph. D., Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill.: Trinity, Detroit, Mich.
Rev. Arnold F. Krentz, M. S., Fort Wayne, Ind.: Martini, Hamtramck, Mich.
Rev. A. R. Kretzmann, Chicago, Ill.: Trinity, Cedar Rapids, Mich.
Rev. Henry C. Luedke, St. Paul, Minn.: Zion, Brainerd, Minn.
Rev. Ad. F. Meyer, Yonkers, N. Y.: Christ, Washington, D. C.
Prof. Albert E. Meyer, Concordia Collegiate Institute, Bronxville, N. Y.: St. John's, Seward, Nebr.
Rev. Armin C. Oldsen, M. A., Valparaiso, Ind.: Grace, Cleveland Heights, Ohio; Saint Thomas, Rocky River, Ohio.
Rev. Gilbert Oldsen, Batavia, N. Y.: Bethany, Buffalo, N. Y.
Rev. E. L. Roschke, St. Louis, Mo.: Emmaus, St. Louis, Mo.; St. Stephanus, St. Paul, Minn.; Trinity, St. Louis, Mo.
Rev. Emil W. Sonstrom, New Britain, Conn.: Trinity, Coal Valley, Ill.
Rev. Martin W. Strasen, Milwaukee, Wis.: Trinity, Oak Park, Ill.
Rev. W. W. Stratman, Houston, Tex.: St. Paul's, Concordia, Mo.
Rev. P. W. Streufert, St. Louis, Mo.: St. Trinity, St. Louis, Mo.
Rev. George W. Wittmer, St. Louis, Mo.: Holy Cross, St. Louis, Mo.; Redeemer, Warsaw, Ind.; St. Luke's, St. Louis, Mo.
Prof. L. C. Wuerffel, Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebr.: Trinity, Davenport, Iowa.
Rev. Harold J. Wunderlich, Beecher, Ill.: Christ, Oak Park, Ill.

The Electoral College will meet at Concordia Seminary on Sept. 3 at 9:30 A. M. Any correspondence with regard to any of the candidates should by Sept. 2 be in the hands of the Board of Control, c/o Rev. John Oppliger, 4701 Greer Ave., St. Louis 15, Mo.

**For Professorship (Biology and Mathematics) California Concordia College, Oakland, Calif.**

Pastor Roland A. Dede, Mellen, Wis.: Zion, Ashland, Wis.; Trinity, Sheboygan, Wis.
Pastor Karl Hauser, Logansville, Wis.: St. Paul's, Sheboygan, Wis.
Pastor Walter E. Kraemer, San Leandro, Calif.: Bethel, San Francisco, Calif.; St. Peter's, San Leandro, Calif.; Redeemer, St. Paul, Minn.; Church of the Good Shepherd, Las Vegas, Nev.; Zion, Oakland, Calif.
Pastor Carl Nitz, Portland, Oreg.: First Trinity, Oakland, Calif.
Mr. Arthur A. Peitsch, Superior, Nebr.: Trinity, Richmond, Calif.

By Aug. 20 communications regarding these candidates should be in the hands of Edwin Meese, Jr., *Secretary*, Board of Control, 4444 Edgewood Ave., Oakland 2, Calif.

**Additional for St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo., for the studies of Social Science, in particular History**

Rev. Theo. Bartusch, M. S., Fort Lauderdale, Fla.: Trinity, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Chaplain M. S. Ernstmeyer, M. A., B. D., Second Division, Eighth Marines, Camp Lejeune, N. C.: Trinity, Wolf Point, Mont.
Mr. Leonard Fischer, B. S., 225 E. Dunklin St., Jefferson City, Mo.: Augsburg-Immanuel, Shobonier, Ill.
Prof. Edwin Fritze, M. S., Concordia High School, Fort Wayne, Ind.: University Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Ind.
Rev. Jul. Fritze, 2214 David St., Corpus Christi, Tex.: St. Paul, Cuba, Mo.; Zion, Corder, Mo.; Immanuel, Kansas City, Mo.
Rev. E. H. Heintzen, 602 Chalmers St., Champaign, Ill.: Emmaus, St. Louis, Mo.
Rev. E. J. Knoernschild, 4329 Shaw Ave., St. Louis 10, Mo.: Grace, Brownwood, Tex.
Mr. H. J. W. Koester, York, Nebr.: Emmanuel, York, Nebr.
Prof. Erwin Meyer, M. A., Ph. D., 3 Concordia College Pl., Fort Wayne, Ind.: St. Paul's, Sheboygan, Mich.
Rev. J. Oppliger, 4701 Greer Ave., St. Louis 15, Mo.: St. Paul's, Concordia, Mo.
Rev. L. Rosin, Boyd, Minn.: Zion, Cologne, Minn.
Mr. Eldor C. Sieving, 533 Home Ave., Fort Wayne, Ind.: Holy Cross, St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. Curtis Stephan, M. A., 607 E. Seventh, Bloomington, Ind.: St. Trinity, St. Louis, Mo.; Bethany, St. Louis, Mo.; St. Luke's, St. Louis, Mo.
Dr. Raymond Surburg, A. M., Th. D., 411 Ovington Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.: Pilgrim, Essexville, Mich.
Chaplain Paul Tomasovic, Lowery Field, Colo.: Immanuel, St. Louis, Mo.

Further recommendations or pertinent information concerning these candidates should be addressed: Secretary of the Board of Control, 1504 Lipper, Higginsville, Mo., prior to the meeting of the Electoral College. While the exact date cannot be given at this time, the meeting is planned for the first or the third week in August.

## Educational Institutions

**Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.,** will open for its 110th academic year with a divine service in the auditorium on Sept. 17 at 10 A. M. Application for admission should be made to Prof. Louis W. Spitz, Office of the Dean, 801 De Mun Ave., St. Louis 5, Mo., not later than Sept. 1.

The entrance requirements are completion of junior college courses, including the study of English, German, Latin, and Greek, with a quality point of 1.00 or better. Applicants who are not graduates of colleges affiliated with Concordia Seminary must show ability to meet the entrance requirements through presentation of satisfactory transcripts or by entrance examinations and enclose a brief autobiography, together with a letter from their pastor certifying their Christian character. Transcript credits of college work must average C or higher. All applications must be accompanied with the record of college credits and a certified medical certificate.

Student rates at present are $275 per annum for lodging and board. Each student must give assurance that his board will be paid promptly. In addition each student is required to pay the following fees at the beginning of the academic year: registration $5, guarantee $5, library $5, medical $1. Essential books for first-year students will cost approximately $27. — Louis J. Sieck, *President*, 801 De Mun Ave., St. Louis 5, Missouri.

**Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill.,** will begin the fall term on Tuesday, Sept. 9, with a divine service in Grace Church at 10 A. M. With the exception of new college students and others participating in the orientation program, none can be accommodated before the previous evening.

Because of Synod's immediate need for Christian day school teachers, we regret to announce that we will not be able to enroll any new high school students, and as an emergency measure the whole high school freshman class has been dropped. We are recommending to high school applicants that they enroll at our other Concordias or at Lutheran high schools wherever possible to prepare for later college entrance. College students are now being enrolled to take all available dormitory space. At this writing there is still some emergency room for college men and possibly for a few college women. Only students preparing for work of the Church can be considered. Students whom we may not be able to enroll for September and who wish to be placed on our waiting list for November or February entry will please correspond with the undersigned immediately.

In order to avoid disappointment no student who has not officially been admitted should appear on the campus for the fall term. — Arthur Klinck, *President*, Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill.

**St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo.,** conducts its opening exercises for the academic year Sept. 3 at 9 o'clock. Registration is on the preceding day, Sept. 2. Students who wish to remove conditions by examination must report to their respective instructors on Sept. 2 at 9 o'clock. Students who intend to enter the freshman class of the high school must send their final eighth-grade report card, and such as desire advanced standing in either the high school or junior college an official transcript of their credits, to the registrar not later than two weeks before the opening of the school year.

The board is $160, payable in advance in quarterly installments. Each student pays $34.50 general fees for light and janitor services, medical attention, athletics, gymnastics, reading room, college paper, lyceum, a deposit as a guarantee against breakage, and similar items. These fees must be paid at the beginning of the school year. Books are sold at cost and must be paid for in cash.

In order to encourage young men who have not decided to enter the ministry to receive higher academic training under the Christian influence of the Lutheran Church, Synod asks the low tuition fee for nonministerial students of $40 a year for the high school and $80 for the junior college. Ministerial students pay no tuition.

Any additional information will be cheerfully supplied by Albert J. C. Moeller, *President*, St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo.

**Concordia Academy, Portland, Oreg.,** will open its 43d academic year with a chapel service on Sunday, Sept. 7, at 3 P. M., followed by a reception for new students and their parents. Students who desire to enter the Academy must submit a written application, together with the recommendation of their pastor. For students enrolling in the freshman class, application must be accompanied by final eighth-grade report cards. For entrance in one of the advanced classes a transcript of previous high school work must be submitted.

Concordia Academy is a preparatory school for such as have the ministry or teaching profession in view, but is also ready to accept Christian boys who do not intend to prepare for professional service in the Church.

Concordia's new dormitory, Centennial Hall, will be ready for occupancy at the beginning of the school year. The administration building, Luther Hall, is under construction at the present time. Concordia will thus be able to offer spacious, modern facilities to its students for every phase of their school life.

The charges for the school year 1947—48, payable in monthly installments, will be $260 for ministerial and teacher-training students and $320 for general education students. There will be no special fees or extra costs except for books.

Requests for further information should be addressed to Thomas Coates, *President*, Concordia Academy, Portland, Oreg.

## Announcements

*Pastor H. J. Gieseke* of Corvallis, Oreg., has been appointed as Visitor of the Upper Willamette Circuit, to succeed Pastor H. W. Gross, who found it necessary to resign from the visitorship. — F. M. L. Nitz, *President*, Oregon and Washington District.

*Rev. Alvin P. Starck*, North Judson, Ind., has been appointed Visitor of the South Bend-La Porte Circuit to replace Rev. Richard Stuckmeyer, who accepted a call into another District.

*Rev. Paul F. Goltermann*, Hammond, Ind., has been appointed Visitor of the Hammond Circuit to replace Rev. G. H. Hentschel, who resigned as Visitor for reasons of health.

*Rev. E. Hoeferkamp*, Jonesville, Ind., has been appointed as Visitor of the Seymour-Columbus Circuit to replace Rev. W. V. Neuendorf, who accepted a call into another District. — W. F. Lichtsinn, *President, Central District.*

## Election Results

*Prof. Walter E. Buszin* of River Forest, Ill., was elected to the chair of Homiletics, Hymnology, and Liturgics at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.

The *Rev. Otto E. Sohn* of Flint, Mich., was elected to the chair of Pastoral Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.

The College of Electors met June 26. — Oliver R. Harms, *Secretary*, College of Electors.

For the professorship of Christian Doctrine at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill., *Pastor S. W. Becker* of Sac City, Iowa, was elected July 8. — P. L. Kluender, *Secretary, Board of Control.*

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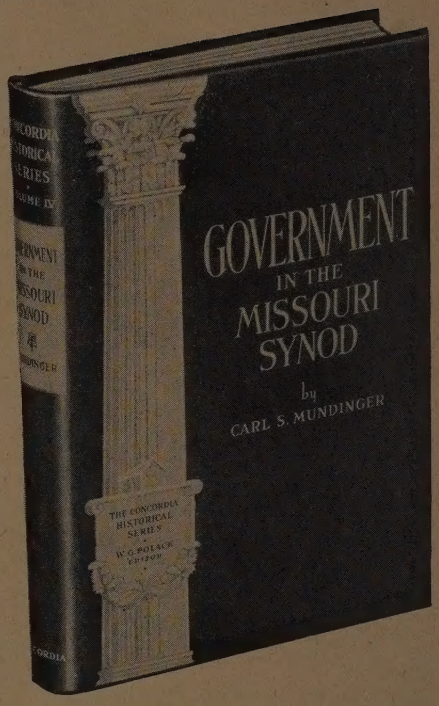


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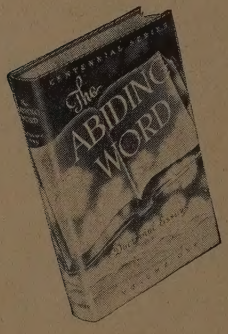


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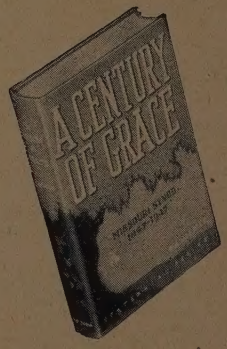


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